PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v
/t/	t			/s/	s
/d/	d			/l/	l
/k/	k			/ɾ/	r
/gb/	gb			/w/	w
/ʔ/	h			/j/	y
/i/	i			/u/	u
/e/	e			/o/	o
/ɛ/	ɛ			/ɔ/	ɔ
		/a/	a		
/Ṽ/	Ṽ				

Tones:

low	̀
mid	unmarked
high	́
slow falling	́
long falling	̂
sharp rising	̌
slow rising	̌

EXAMPLES

a	yàwó	cat
b	bɔ	father
d	di	man
e	sê	woman
ɛ	pɛ	husband
f	flɔ	clothes
gb	gbɔ	eggplant
h	wóhó	cup
i	pi	child
k	kɔ̀	meat
l	lékwén	knife
m	mám	rat
n	nan	grinding mold
o	kǒ	stool
ɔ	yɔ	swamp
p	pāhā	dog
r	yār	porridge
s	sēbe	baobab tree
t	tɛke	cliff
u	dú	basket
v	vē	guinea fowl
w	wɔ̀kɔ̀	hut
y	yaha	face

ALPHABET

a b d e ɛ f gb h i k l m n o ɔ p r s t u v w y

number of graphemes 23

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